

MANAGING IMMIGRATION: THE CANADA/ UKRAINE/ SASKATCHEWAN EXPERIENCE

Targeted-immigration serves as an important strategic resource in Canada's regional economic development and Ukraine has been identified as an area for prime recruitment by provinces – including Saskatchewan. But what, precisely, is the rationale and nature of provincial recruitment policy? Why are certain classes of individuals being given special consideration and what, if any concerns may there be? Given that retention and integration are a logical extension of the immigration process, what are the successes and shortcomings in these areas? Are provincial integrative strategies universal or are they shaped by provincial circumstances and experiences? Furthermore, what obligations are owed recent immigrants, including transit workers and illegal immigrants, and are their needs being sufficiently met and what if any protections should they be afforded? Concomitantly, what are the political, legal and multicultural frameworks within which immigration must take place and can these enhance or detract from the retention and integration processes? Finally, what implication does success or failure of working within these frameworks have for Canada generally and the Ukrainian immigrant specifically?

From the perspective of post-Soviet Ukraine, immigration has been a mixed blessing. Immigration has served to mitigate the effects of economic transition and the much weakened national economy. As a result of out-migration, the social and other pressures associated with unprecedented unemployment have lessened considerably. Remittances sent back to families, one of the largest sources of capital flows in Ukraine today, provides for both local relief and local development. But the social, psychological,

and structural economic costs associated with out-migration are staggering. Communities are disrupted and threatened by the potential loss of those individuals Ukraine can least afford to lose: the young, the able-bodied, the educated, and the experienced.

Who and why are they leaving and what is the impact of emigration from Ukraine at the national and local level? What influence do Ukrainian expatriates have on the Ukrainian body politic? Equally, is there a social justice argument to recruiting in a disadvantaged environment that is Ukraine and what, if any, responsibility does the recipient country have to the sending country/region? What is the strategy and what responsibilities do Ukrainian policymakers have in ensuring a balanced response to immigrant needs, recipient desires and homeland concerns? What might we learn about improving Canada's attraction and retention programs from the societies that send immigrants to Canada? Finally, how might relations between Canada/Ukraine/Saskatchewan be deepened or enhanced by this new immigration development?

“Managing Immigration: The Recent Canadian, Ukrainian, Saskatchewan Experience,” a joint faculty/graduate student roundtable, will seek to explore and discuss these issues from the perspective of Canada and Ukraine within the context of the special relationship that exists between both.

An initiative of the Prairie Centre for the Study of Ukrainian Heritage at St Thomas More College and the Ramon Hnatyshyn Canadian Studies Centre at Chernivtsi National University, the roundtable operates within the long-standing academic partnership agreement between the University of Saskatchewan and Chernivtsi National University.

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A Faculty/ Graduate Student Roundtable



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PROGRAM

Tuesday, May 11

<i>University Greetings</i> 8:30 - 8:40 am	Dr. Stepan Melnychuk, President, Chernivtsi National University Dr. Yuriy Lopatynsky, Vice-Rector, International Office, CNU
<i>Opening Remarks</i> 8:40 - 9:00 am	Dr. Vitaliy Makar, Director, Hnatyshyn Canadian Studies Centre, Chernivtsi National University
<i>Morning Session</i>	Canadian Issues and Perspectives I
9:00 - 9:20 am	Dr. Bohdan Kordan, Dept of Political Studies, St Thomas More College “ <i>Managing Diversity in Saskatchewan: An Assessment</i> ”
9:20 - 10:00 am	<i>Discussion</i>
<i>Coffee Break</i>	10:00 - 10:30 am
10:30 - 10:50 am	Dr. David McGrane, Dept of Political Studies, St Thomas More College “ <i>Cultural Retention versus Cultural Integration: Multiculturalism and Immigrant Settlement Policies in Saskatchewan</i> ”
10:50 - 11:30 am	<i>Discussion</i>
11:30 - 11:50 am	Ms Tara Longmire, Dept of Political Studies, University of Saskatchewan “ <i>The Processes of Recruitment and Integration of Immigrants in Saskatchewan</i> ”
11:50 - 12:30 pm	<i>Discussion</i>
<i>Lunch</i>	12:30 – 1:20 pm

Afternoon Session

1:30 - 1:50 pm	Dr. Joseph Garcea, Dept of Political Studies, University of Saskatchewan “ <i>Saskatchewan Immigration Policies and Programs: The Importance of Federal- Provincial and International Agreements</i> ”
1:50 - 2:30 pm	<i>Discussion</i>
<i>Coffee Break</i>	2:30 - 3:00 pm
3:00 – 3:20 pm	Ms Kim Assailly, Dept of Political Studies, University of Saskatchewan “ <i>The Evolution of Saskatchewan Immigration Policy and International Students</i> ”
3:20 - 4:00 pm	<i>Discussion</i>
<i>Reception</i>	6:00 – 7:00 pm



Wednesday, May 12

Morning Session

9:00 - 9:20 am	Dr. Taras Lupul, Dept of International Relations, Chernivtsi National University “ <i>The 4th Wave of Ukrainian Immigration to Canada</i> ”
9:20 - 10:00 am	<i>Discussion</i>
<i>Coffee Break</i>	10:00 - 10:30 am
10:30 - 10:50 am	Dr. Vitaliy Makar, Dept of International Relations, Chernivtsi National University “ <i>The Influence of Expatriate Ukrainian Groups on Contemporary Ukraine</i> ”
10:50 - 11:30 am	<i>Discussion</i>
11:30 - 11:50 am	Dr. V. Fisanov, Dept of International Relations, Chernivtsi National University “ <i>The Effects of Emigration on Ukraine</i> ”
11:50 - 12:30 pm	<i>Discussion</i>
<i>Lunch</i>	12:30 – 1:20 pm
<i>Afternoon Session</i>	
1:30 – 2:30 pm	Roundtable Discussion
<i>Coffee Break</i>	2:30 - 3:00 pm
3:00 – 4:00 pm	Roundtable Discussion (continued)
<i>Concluding Remarks</i>	
4:00 – 4:20 pm	Dr. Bohdan Kordan, Faculty Associate, Prairie Centre for the Study of Ukrainian Heritage, St Thomas More College